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| <b>DATE:</b>                            | <b>November 26, 2007</b>  |               |   |
| <b>RE:</b>                              | <b>Application Serial No.: 10/677,918</b><br><b>Title: High Throughput Sample Preparation</b><br><b>Our Ref: PAT-025 (Was D30972US)</b> |               |   |
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| In re Application of: | Binz DeWalch                       | § | Group Art Unit: | 1743             |
|                       |                                    | § |                 |                  |
| Serial No.:           | 10/677,918                         | § |                 |                  |
|                       |                                    | § |                 |                  |
| Date Filed:           | October 2, 2003                    | § | Examiner:       | Handy, Dwayne K. |
|                       |                                    | § |                 |                  |
| Title:                | High Throughput Sample Preparation | § |                 |                  |
|                       |                                    | § |                 |                  |
|                       |                                    | § | Atty Dkt No.:   | PAT-025          |
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**For FY 2008**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 820.00

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| Application Number   | 10/677,916      |
| Filing Date          | October 2, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Binz DeWalch    |
| Examiner Name        | Handy, Dwayne K |
| Art Unit             | 1743            |
| Attorney Docket No.  | PAT-025         |

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| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 310         | 155                   | 510         | 255                   | 210              | 105                   |                |
| Design           | 210         | 105                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 210         | 105                   | 310         | 155                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 310         | 155                   | 510         | 255                   | 620              | 310                   |                |
| Provisional      | 210         | 105                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| - 20 or HP = | x            | =        | 0             |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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